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SUBJECT: LANFRANCO TURCI: NEW EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGIONAL
PRESIDENT

1. DESPITE HIATUS CAUSED BY THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ORGANIZED ITSELF QUICKLY AND ELECTED THE NEW REGIONAL PRESIDENT ON JANUARY 6 FOLLOWING THE UNEXPECTED AND SUDDEN DEATH OF THE PREVIOUS REGIONAL PRESIDENT SERGIO CAVINA ON DECEMBER 22, 1977.

2. NEW REGIONAL PRESIDENT IS LANFRANCO TURCI, A 37 YEAR OLD COMMUNIST WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PCI AFFAIRS SINCE 16 YEARS OLD. TURCI WAS FIRST ELECTED TO EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1970 AND REELECTED IN 1975. PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MODENA PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY AND A LEADER IN THE FEDERATION OF YOUNG COMMUNISTS (FEDERAZIONE GIOVANILE COMUNISTA ITALIANA). IN THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY TURCI WAS ELECTED ASSESSORE FOR HEALTH IN 1972 AND HEAD OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND MAJORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY IN JUNE 1977.

3. IN EFFECT, TURCI'S ELECTION AS REGIONAL PRESIDENT WAS
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UNANIMOUS SINCE THE 29 COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALIST PRESENT VOTED FOR HIM AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE 50 SEAT REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ABSTAINED.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, TURCI IS CONSIDERED CLOSE POLITICALLY TO PCI NATIONAL SECRETARY BERLINGUER AND IS YOUNGEST REGIONAL PRESIDENT IN ITALY.

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